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# ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SECOND PART OF ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

## Draft report

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## IV. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

### Accountability and responsibility of programme managers in the United Nations

1. At its ___ meeting, on 15 October 1993, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on accountability and responsibility of programme managers in the United Nations (A/48/452).

### Discussion

2. All delegations expressed the view that the report did not address the issues which the Secretary-General had been requested to deal with. Doubt was expressed with regard to the notion of the Secretariat that several systems establishing accountability and responsibility already existed. Delegations felt that even if such systems did exist, they were not implemented. It was widely regretted that another year had been lost without implementing the much-needed system.

### Conclusions and recommendations

3. The Committee regretted that the report did not answer the issues which the Secretary-General had been requested to address. The report did not deal with the emplacement of a transparent and effective system designed to make programme managers accountable for their actions but merely proposed to defer action to a later date.

4. The Committee questioned the report's statement that several systems establishing accountability and responsibility already existed within the United Nations.

5. The Committee insisted that the request for a transparent and effective system of accountability and responsibility contained in General Assembly resolutions 47/212 B and 47/214 be complied with.

6. The Committee recommended that such a system should provide, as a minimum, unmistakable allocation of responsibilities among staff members, particularly programme managers, including clear supervisory responsibilities and mechanisms for performance assessment and remedial action. The system should also take into account, inter alia, the elements mentioned in paragraph 58 of the report of the Secretary-General and the relevant existing recommendations of pertinent bodies, in particular, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), the Board of Auditors, Internal Audit and the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC).

7. The Committee also recommended that the system should be implemented as soon as possible, but no later than 1 January 1995.

8. The Committee further recommended that the Secretary-General submit a report on the implementation of the system to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

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